

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 2, 5-15, 25-54, and 56-64 were withdrawn by the Examiner pursuant to a species election. Claim 16 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the contents of cancelled claim 16. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of cancelled claim 16. Claims 1, 4, 20, 21, 22, and 24 have been amended to more clearly recite the invention. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

ELECTION / RESTRICTION

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants elected with traverse Example 10. The Examiner has maintained the rejection on the grounds that "the claims recite several percentage ranges for individual components, as well as a plethora of optional ingredients" See, Office Action, page 2 (paper no. 10). Applicants respectfully submit that cases involving chemistries often recite ranges for individual components, as well as optional ingredients. As the requirement has been deemed final, Applicants reserves the right to petition the election. Consequently, it is requested that the withdrawn claims be held in abeyance until prosecution has concluded.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 16-24, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent no 5,500,138 to Bacon *et al.* ("Bacon"). Applicants respectfully traverse and obviate the rejection.

On pages 3-5 of the Office Action, it alleges that it would have obvious at the time the invention was made to make such a composition because this reference (Bacon) teaches that all of the ingredients recited by applicants are suitable for inclusion in a surfactant composition. Applicants respectfully submit that Bacon does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to include an effective level of principal solvent or mixture of solvents having a ClogP of from about -2.0 to about 2.6, at a level that is less than about 40% by weight of the composition. Bacon does not disclose or even suggest the presence of a principal solvent, much less a principal solvent having a ClogP of from about -2.0 to about 2.6, at a level that is less than

about 40% by weight of the composition. Thus, Bacon does not disclose or suggest each and every limitation of the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

With regard to all claims not specifically mentioned, these are believed to be allowable not only in view of their dependency on their respective base claims and any intervening claims, but also for the totality of features recited therein.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants to arrange for a telephonic interview in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this matter.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please consider and make of record the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on May 30, 2003.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. No fee is believed to be due for the amendments herein. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Procter & Gamble Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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